

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-12 and 14-15 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-12 are rejected and claims 3-4, 8, 13 are objected to by the Examiner but would be allowable if redrafted in independent form. Claims 8 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended and new claims 14 and 15 have been added. No new matter has been added by either the amendments or new claims. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 1-2, 6-7 and 9-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *MacDougall* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,565). Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 8 and new claims 14 and 15 are claims 3 and 4, respectively, redrafted in independent form. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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